GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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YOGA AND NATUROPATHY COURSES
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain institutes in the country are providing education and practice in Yoga and Naturopathy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government intend to regulate these courses being run by these institutions by enacting suitable Law;

(d) if so, by when such a law is likely to be enacted; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Seven institutions are running 5 years or 5 1/2 years Degree course and are affiliated to the Universities. A number of other institutions are conducting courses of smaller duration. The Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy, New Delhi is assisting 17 institutions for conducting one year Diploma course.

(c) to (e) Keeping in view number of colleges imparting education and number of practitioners, it may not be possible to enact a Central Act for regulating education & practice. As interim measure, steps have been initiated to authorise the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy to work out modalities for regulation of Yoga and Naturopathy education and practice.